

This is a recent inquiry from a task force member and the Lab's response:

1. In light of new information available from sampling and the planned closure of the NTLF, will the Task Force be meeting again? If so, when is the meeting planned?

The Lab will plan a Task Force meeting, to be scheduled sometime after the first of the year, to discuss preliminary sampling results.

2. What closure requirements must the NTLF follow? Will closure activities (such as sampling) support or otherwise add to information being gathered for EPA's Hazard Ranking purposes? Would closure activities generate any information about legacy contamination from radionuclides or other contaminants?

The Lab will follow DOE requirements in the closure and cleanup of the NTLF. These include:

- 10CFR835
- DOE Order 5400.5, Radiation Protection of the Public and the Environment, as implemented in the 11/17/95 DOE guidance memo on Application of DOE 5400.5 requirements for Release & Control of Property Containing Residual Radioactive Material

An NTLF closure plan has been prepared and will be posted to the Task Force website and distributed shortly. The Lab does not anticipate that these closure activities will be included in the EPA evaluation process. The closure activities, however, will include swipe sampling to determine presence or absence of radioactive material at the facility.

3. Will LBNL or other entity on the task force provide analysis or interpretation to the Task Force members of the raw environmental sampling data presented on the web site?

Berkeley Lab and its consultants will provide information to the Task Force on the analysis of sampling data. For example, a recent risk assessment based on the first several months of preliminary sampling data will be mailed out shortly to the Task Force. It will also be posted to the Task Force website. If you are interested in particular media or information, please let the Lab know.

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